

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CASE NUMBER: 05CV10437 GAO

U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASS.

**WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL  
INSURANCE COMPANY,**  
**Plaintiff**

**vs.**

**ARTEK BUILDERS, INC.**  
**Defendant/Third Party Plaintiff**

**vs.**

**J.S. LUIZ, 3<sup>RD</sup>, INC.**  
**Third Party Defendant**

**DEFENDANT'S OPPOSITION TO THIRD PARTY DEFENDANT'S MOTION  
TO STRIKE AND/OR DISMISS THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT**

Now comes the Defendant/Third Party Plaintiff in the above-entitled action, Artek Builders, Inc. and files the following opposition with this Court to Third Party Defendant's Motion to Strike and/or Dismiss the Third Party Complaint.

In support of its opposition, Defendant/Third Party Plaintiff, Artek Builders, Inc., (hereinafter called "Artek"), filed a motion to implead Third Party Defendant J. S. Luiz, 3<sup>rd</sup> Inc. (hereinafter called "J.S. Luiz"), which said motion was allowed on or about August 3, 2005 by the Court, O'Toole, J., presiding.

Artek concedes that the complaint filed by plaintiff, Washington International Insurance Company, (hereinafter called "WIIC"), seeks a declaratory judgment rather than monetary damages. However, the counterclaim brought by Artek in answer to WIIC's complaint does

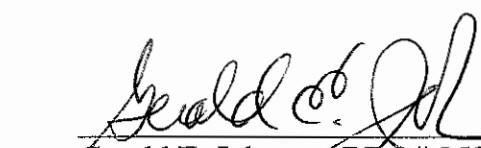
seek monetary damages in the sum of \$147,488.24 from J. S. Luiz. Artek asserts that its counterclaim is an integral part of the lawsuit, and therefore furnishes part of the basis of the third-party complaint brought under Fed.R.Civ.P. 14.

Moreover, this Court held in 1996 that where a party to a lawsuit seeks a declaratory judgment rather than damages, this fact does not preclude the maintenance of a third-party action. *Eastern Enterprises v. Shalala*, 942 F.Supp. 684 (D.Mass. 1996), reversed on other grounds, 524 U.S. 498, 118 S.Ct. 2131, 141 L.Ed.2d 451. "A third-party claim may be brought under Fed.R.Civ.P. 14(a) when the third party's liability is in some way dependent on the outcome of the main claim, or when the third party is secondarily liable to the defendant. There is no express requirement that the main claim be for damages." *Eastern Enterprises v. Shalala*, 942 F. Supp. 684, *supra* at 689.

Accordingly, Artek suggests that its third-party complaint against J. S. Luiz was properly filed, and that the motion to strike and/or dismiss said complaint be denied.

Artek Builders, Inc., Third-Party Defendant  
By its attorney:

Dated: December 6, 2005

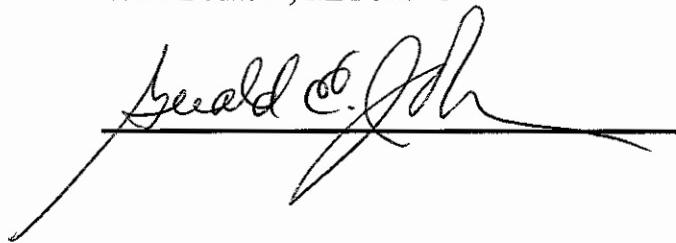
  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Gerald E. Johnson, counsel for Defendant Artek Builders, Inc., in the above-entitled action, hereby certify that I have served the foregoing Opposition to Third-Party Defendants's Motion to Strike and/or Dismiss Third-Party Complaint upon all parties by mailing a copy, first class mail, to the offices of the following attorneys of record:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald E. Johnson", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.